

REMARKS

Applicants have submitted herewith a division of Application Serial No. 09/683,149, filed November 27, 2001, and respectfully request that the accompanying Preliminary Amendment be entered. Claims 1-31 have been canceled, without prejudice. As such, Claims 32-44 remain in the case.

Applicants also submit that paragraphs [0018], [0019], and [0038] of the specification have been amended to refer to Figure 7. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by the amendment.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' counsel at the number provided below in order to resolve any outstanding issues concerning the present application.

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